

CITY OF MILPITAS
SISTER CITIES ADVISORY COMMISSION (SCC)
COMMITTEE CONFERENCE ROOM, MILPITAS CITY HALL

MEETING MINUTES
MAY 24, 2018

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call** Vice Chair Arefi called the meeting to order at 6:07p.m.
Commissioners Present: Arefi, Awasthi, Chang, Tsai. Commissioners
Absent: Grilli, Strohfus. No Alternate Commissioners.
- Council Liaison Anthony Phan: Absent
MHS Student Liaison Dinh: Absent
MUSD Liaison: Absent.
Staff Liaison Leslie Stobbe: Present
- II. Alternates Seating of** No Alternate Commissioners.
- III. Allegiance Pledge of** Vice Chair Arefi led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. Minutes** MOTION to approve the minutes of April 26, 2018.
M / S: Tsai / Chang Ayes: All
- V. Agenda** MOTION to approve the agenda of May 24, 2018.
M / S: Awasthi / Chang Ayes: All
- VI. Announcements:** Councilmember Grilli reported that the Council Subcommittee on Commissions met this week and will include a recommendation to move four SCC members to the Economic Development Commission. This will be reviewed by the Council at their June 19 meeting. The Subcommittee will then work on a Commissioner's Handbook. Bylaws will be updated by each commission before final changes are made.
- VII. Public Forum:** None.
- VIII. Old Business**
- 1. Possible Sister City Relationship with Indian City**
Commissioner Awasthi reported that there is no new information and he is still researching channels to open discussions. An email inquiry has been sent to officials in Northern Chandigarh. Commissioner Awasthi will talk to the Milpitas resident that completed the application recommending Northern Chandigarh to obtain more contacts from a family member in Northern Chandigarh.
- 2. e-Pal Project with Sister Cities**
The Project with 47 Digital Business Academy, Milpitas High School students linked to Huizhou Municipality students will start winding down with the end of the school year.
- Milpitas Sister Cities Commission Meeting Minutes, 5/24/18*

3. Tsukuba City, Japan

Vice Chair Arefi reviewed an idea to extend an invitation to Tsukuba officials to visit Milpitas to strengthen the relationship. Staff suggested that new work with Sister Cities may need to follow revised by-laws of newly combined commissions.

4. Dagupan City, Philippines

SCC members discussed new interest in this relationship expressed by members of the Filipino community. Commissioner Tsai will follow up with contacts and report at the next meeting.

5. Huizhou Municipality, China

No report. It was noted that staff needs to advise new commission staff of upcoming renewal dates in 2019.

X. Student Liaison Report – None

XI. City Council Liaison Report – None

XII. School District Liaison Report – None

XIII. Future Agenda Items

Sister City Relationships / Cultural Exchanges

- i. Tsukuba, Japan
- ii. Dagupan, Philippines
- iii. Huizhou, China

XII. Adjournment

No further business was discussed. Chair Grilli requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

MOTION: Adjourn the meeting of May 24 to the meeting of June 28, 2018.

M / S: Awasthi / Tsai

Ayes: All